

**FRUITPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2015**

A work session of the Fruitport Charter Township Board began at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2015, in the township board room.

Members Present: Brian Werschem, Supervisor; Rose Dillon, Treasurer; Carol Hulka, Clerk; Trustees: Ron Becklin, Dave Markgraf, Marjorie Nash, and Chuck Whitlow. Member Absent: None

Also Present: 2 – guests

At 7:00 p.m., Supervisor Werschem opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

The November 23, 2015 meeting minutes—regular meeting—were approved as presented.

The motion by Dave Markgraf, seconded by Rose Dillon, was **Carried Unanimously**, to approve the December 14, 2015, board meeting agenda with the following addition under Unfinished Business (rather than under New Business as indicated on the meeting agenda), Item B: Street light proposal for DeFeyter Street and Item C, Under New Business: Pursue a declaratory judgement against MADL

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None received

CORRESPONDENCE / REPORT

Michigan Township Association (MTA) Legislative Updates

Planning Commission meeting minutes of November 24, 2015

Parks & Recreation meeting minutes of December 1, 2015

Revenue and Expenditure Report for period ending 11/30/2015

Fruitport Township will be hosting the February 29, 2016 Muskegon County MTA Chapter meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15-110 Amendments to Master Plan

The Township Board has reviewed the Master Plan and is satisfied with its content.

Chuck Whitlow moved, seconded by Rose Dillon, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the document for distribution by notifying the Secretary of the Planning Commission.

Ayes: Whitlow, Dillon, Nash, Becklin, Hulka, Markgraf, Werschem Nays: None

15-112 New Street Light for Dead End of DeFeyter Street

Ron Becklin moved, seconded by Marjorie Nash, **MOTION CARRIED**, to authorize Consumer Energy to proceed with installing one street light at the dead end of DeFeyter Street at the cost of \$100.00 plus a monthly fee.

Ayes: Becklin, Nash, Dillon, Hulka, Markgraf, Whitlow, Werschem Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS

15-113 Public Hearing- Fruitport Apartments PUD

Chuck Whitlow moved, seconded by Ron Becklin, **MOTION CARRIED**, to open the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. in order to hear any objections on the preliminary development plan request at 1986 Mt. Garfield Road, Muskegon, MI 49444, Parcel #61-15-127-100-0009-00 to develop existing property into 5-building apartment complex. Developer, Gary Smith, was in attendance.

Ayes: Whitlow, Becklin, Nash, Dillon, Hulka, Markgraf, Werschem Nays: None

No property owners were in attendance to comment or ask questions.

The motion by Chuck Whitlow, supported by Dave Markgraf, was **carried unanimously**, to close the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. for the proposed 5-building apartment complex.

Chuck Whitlow moved, seconded by Marjorie Nash, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve the preliminary development plan for the proposed 5-building apartment complex.

Ayes: Whitlow, Nash, Becklin, Dillon, Hulka, Markgraf, Werschem Nays: None

15-114 White Road Property

Chuck Whitlow moved, seconded by Dave Markgraf, **MOTION CARRIED**, to sell Township acquired property near White Road of .25 acres to White Road property owner, Albert Smedley, for \$2,000 plus 4% interest. On December 1, 2016 and on December 1, 2017, the amount of \$1,000 plus interest will be added to Mr. Smedley's tax bills. Upon completion of land contract, Mr. Smedley's current property and the additional property is to be combined into one parcel.

Ayes: Whitlow, Markgraf, Hulka, Dillon, Nash, Becklin, Werschem Nays: None

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15-115 MADL (Muskegon Area District Library) Vote

The motion by Ron Becklin, supported by Rose Dillon, was **Carried Unanimously**, to authorize Scholten Fant to pursue a declaratory judgement action in Muskegon County Circuit Court, seeking to clarify that Fruitport Charter Township and Fruitport Village residents shall not vote in any 2016 millage election regarding a millage proposition from MADL, and shall not be subject to or liable to pay any millage which results from any 2016 millage election proposition from MADL.

Ayes: Becklin, Dillon, Nash, Hulka, Markgraf, Whitlow, Werschem Nays: None

15-116 Payment of Bills

Dave Markgraf moved, Carol Hulka seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve bills for payment in the following amounts: General Fund & Parks \$56,191.39; Public Safety \$71,754.73; Water \$39,594.00
Sewer \$6,079.76 Totaling:\$173,619.88

PUBLIC COMMENTS -- None received

ADDITIONAL REPORTS—

ADJOURNMENT

The motion by Dave Markgraf, seconded by Ron Becklin, was **Carried Unanimously**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

CAROL HULKA, CLERK

BRIAN WERSCHEM, SUPERVISOR

